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Golf Course Superintendents Association

ANNUAL MEETING

The December meeting of the G.C.S.A. of N.E. was held at the Holiday Inn, Newton, Mass. on December 4, 1967. This was the annual meeting and the Committee Chairmen for 1967 made their reports and they were accepted. The newly elected officers for 1968 are:

President — Anthony Caranci, Jr.
First Vice-President — Richard Blake
Second Vice-President — Robert Grant
Secretary — Thomas Curran
Treasurer — Lucien Duval
Trustee — Norman Mucciarone
Trustee — William Ash
Trustee — Philip Cassidy
Finance Chairman — Albert Allen
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Newsletter Chairman — Dean Robertson
Past President — Leon V. St. Pierre

Application for Associate Membership to be voted on at next meeting:

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National Conference

The National Conference will be held in San Francisco this year. The dates are February 18-23, 1968. If you are going, be prepared to discuss transportation at the next meeting.

Massachusetts Conference

The conference will be held at the White House Inn in Chicopee this year, due to extensive renovations at the University of Mass. The dates are March 6, 7, 8, 1968.

Newsletters!

I would like to know if any of our members have any *Newsletters* prior to 1959. If you do not want to part with them, I will have them photo-stated and return them to you. Thank you.



THE OFFICERS — 1968

Front Row left to right: Lucien Duval, Richard Blake, Anthony Caranci, Robert Grant, Thomas Curran. Back Row left to right: Albert Allen, Norman Mucciarone, Wayne Ripley, Dean Robertson, Leon St. Pierre, Philip Cassidy.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be January 8, 1968 at the Holiday Inn, Newton, Mass. (Exit 53, off Rt. 128).

Directors' Meeting	10:30 a. m.
Regular Meeting	11:00 a. m.
Dinner	12:15 p. m.
Educational Program	1:15 p. m.

Tony Caranci
President

Leon St. Pierre
Retiring President



On behalf of the Golf Course Superintendents' Association of New England, I wish to highly commend Leon V. St. Pierre, (Rt.) for an extraordinary three year term of office, as President of our fine association.

With his strong leadership and untiring efforts, he constantly moved our Association forward. His initiative and straight-forwardness has certainly left its mark. His ambition, drive and foresight was always to make the Association and the Golf Course Superintendent supreme.

With the stature and caliber of man instilled in Leon St. Pierre, which overflowed into the workings of our association, we were very fortunate to have had him serve us as our President. I do hope that he will continue to actively participate in the functioning of our association in the future.

Speaking for the entire membership, I wish to say a simple Thank You, Leon V. St. Pierre for a job well done.

Anthony B. Caranci, Jr.
President

About Your New President . . .

You name it. He's done it.

This probably is the appropriate capsuled manner of introducing the New England Greens Superintendents' Association new president — Anthony B. (Tony) Caranci, Jr.

Tony is a combination of many things. He's successful in his profession. He has a mile of accomplishments as a civic leader. He belongs to more organizations than the most successful of politicians. Yet, through it all, in his acceptance speech of the Association presidency, Tony said . . . "I only hope I can do 50 per cent as well as Leon St. Pierre (outgoing president). If I accomplish that, I'll know I've done something big."

This is the real Tony Caranci and, then, maybe it isn't. Caranci doesn't emulate, he creates. If it weren't in him to take the lead, he wouldn't hold such high office and be held in such bright esteem by the Association membership.

What Tony probably means to say is that he'll follow the trend of upgrading the profession which St. Pierre sought to do during his tenure as president. Caranci and St. Pierre are of the same opinion in regard to the greens superintendents' place in society. "We're going to keep moving", he reassures members.

A do-everything man, Caranci is saturated with energy. His list of educational endeavors in turf management can be strung from coast to coast. He even has completed a Dale Carnegie Course and served on guest panels during turf conferences at several state universities.

In Rhode Island he is a civic giant. A member of several city and state-improvement groups, he also serves as chairman of the North Providence Republican Town Committee. He is an Elk, a Lion, etc., and has been a Notary Public for 11 years.

His golf course experience is a shining continuance of other feats. His first superintendent job was at the Louisquissett Golf Club in North Providence. After six years he moved over to Ledgemont in Seekonk where he has been doctoring grounds since 1956.

The New England Association must be complimented, give itself a pat on the back for selecting Tony Caranci as president. Only good can come from such a decision.



SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Pete Sumner was the recipient of the Lawrence S. Dickinson Scholarship Award and receiving it from Tony Caranci (l) and Phil Cassidy (r).

Pete was a four year student in liberal arts, but had a longing in the back of his mind for fine turf management. He followed his dream and entered Stockbridge as a Turf Management Major. Pete did his placement training at Brae Burn under Bob Grant where he gained much experience of how a large 27-hole course is maintained. He is married and his wife is expecting a baby soon. They are living in Williamsburg while Pete is in college.

While the Golf Course Sleeps . . .

A woman's work is never done. And . . . neither, for that matter . . . is that of the golf course superintendent.

Five will get you 10 most club members — just about this time of year — figure the superintendent is off with the club pro on "their annual winter vacation." It's just taken for granted if the golf course sleeps, so, too, does the superintendent.

Actually, it would be nice if this fractured piece of Utopia was a reality instead of a myth. Three or four months in the sun, away from the incessant inquiries of mean-well but often-annoying self-appointed experts of the greens, would constitute an unheard of luxury. Yet, the pro does it every turn of the season and usually returns to the club disappointed because the "time flew by."

Golf course superintendents hibernate in the winter . . . join the bears for a well-deserved siesta? Not on your life, friend. It just doesn't happen — not yet, anyway.

So, what do these scientific dirt scratchers occupy themselves with while the rest of the club is at play?

For one thing, every winter is spruce-up, tune-up time for equipment. Mowers, tractors, bulldozers are almost human. They do break down. They do need that annual checkup. And the superintendent has to be on hand to do all of the diagnosing and most of the repair work.

Then, there is the constant search for new remedies to old problems and relentless study to bring the golf course back to the peak of life when the membership starts its return to swing come March or April. Such a project cannot be treated as off-season duty. The attempt

to bring about the ultimate in playing conditions is an endless operation. There are no calendars to set the mind in motion or the wheels spinning to find the formula for the new type of grass or solution which will improve the state of golf for the membership.

Conferences, panel discussions and similar forms of educational aids also add to the crowded winter agenda of the superintendent. However small they may be, there always exists the possibility that something revolutionary in the field will be presented which might add to the overall effectiveness of the job.

Many of the supers will do some socializing . . . but strictly on a restricted basis. The National Association's annual meeting and election of officers shall draw a small crowd from New England. But, alas, in the end it will not be all play. When golf course superintendents get together — even on the dance floor — the conversation eventually flows back to poa annua, insecticides and other shop talk. So, there is no end to the search for perfection of greens and fairways, even if the quest move far off to some celestial escape hatch like San Francisco where the meetings are scheduled this year.

So . . . while the club pro plays, the members wish they had the "easy life" of both the pro and superintendent and the golf course esleeps . . . the superintendent's work goes on through the long haul of winter. It is never done, his work. When that day does arrive, with it shall come a new meaning for Utopia.

Gerry Finn

Lou Duval Returns to Manchester



After 19 years on the road, Lou Duval is going home.

The 41-year-old Duval, who has distinguished himself among his colleagues as a three-term treasurer of the New England Greens Superintendents' Association, is going back to the Manchester, N. H. Country Club to complete a successful professional cycle.

Duval will return after a five-year stint at Chestnut Hill, a course which will still bask in the Duval trend of achievement since Dean Robertson is taking over there.

Lou started his career under the man he'll succeed — Edward Buecher who is retiring after 44 years at Manchester and who happens to be Duval's father-in-law.

There is no way of confirming such claim, but Lou Duval could be the only local service veteran to study turf management under the old GI Bill of Rights. He arranged a 30-month course after three years in the Army and came out of the session with Buecher anxious to strike for his own personal success. That came fast, as expected.

Duval spent five years at Leicester Hill, pulled nine more at Hillcrest, then moved on to Chestnut Hill where his knowledgeable talents pushed that course into a new peak of condition.

For as long as he has diligently pursued the profession (19 years), Lou has been a member of the Association. He is a natural leader as evidenced by the faith placed in him as an elected officer of the group.

On his new assignment, Lou is doubly thrilled. "My wife, Mary, and myself are both from Manchester", he says. "So it will be a big homecoming for us and our four-year-old daughter, Leslie Anne."



"SENIORS CHAMP"

Golf Committee Chairman Ted Murphy (left) is presenting the annual G.C.S.A. of N. E. "Seniors Trophy" to Leo Brown. When Leo is not playing golf, he is the superintendent at the Thompson Club in Reading, Mass.



"ASSOCIATION CHAMP"

Golf Committee Chairman Ted Murphy (left) is presenting the annual G.C.S.A. of N.E. "Champion Trophy" to Mel Wendell. Mel is the superintendent at Wanamoissett C. C. in Rumford, R. I.

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Dean Robertson Moves to Chestnut Hill



Dean Robertson, whose career is on the move, jumps into the 18-hole league as of the first of the year when he takes over the greens superintendent chores at the Chestnut Hill Country Club.

Robertson is part of the youth movement which is rushing its way through the turf management profession

and supplying the New England Greens Superintendents' Association with future leaders.

The 25-year-old Robertson comes to Chestnut Hill from the Ould Newbury Golf Club, a nine-hole layout that grew into a precision-type conditioned course in the two short years Dean handled its program.

Chestnut Hill is Robertson's third management assignment. After graduating from Stockbridge School in 1962 with an associate degree, the Stoneham native put his education to work on the Bradford Country Club in Haverhill. The results of his labors caused Ould Newbury to realize the effects of his talents. Now Chestnut Hill is following suit.

Dean is married and the father of two girls — Holly, 3 and Heidi, 9 months.

Currently he is in the midst of a budding contribution to the Association as the editor of the monthly *Newsletter*.

His decision to join the ranks of golf superintendents was prompted by the urging of Manuel Francis, Jr. with whom he served a six-month placement tour at Belmont. When Dean first entered Stockbridge, it was with the idea of becoming a landscape gardener. However, through close association with Francis, his goals slowly shifted to golf.

Dean says he realizes the step up to an 18-hole course presents a challenge. "I only hope I can fill the bill at Chestnut Hill," he declares.

No one worries about that except Dean. Of his early rise in the profession, his career appears to be rolling along at an accelerated rate of speed.



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